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MATERIAL FROM "H" (1945)

WASHINGTON From:

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29 March 45

To the 8th Department.

Material from "H[G]"[i].

[D% I am transmitting]

[The remainder of the text (425 groups) has been only partly recovered. The recovery is sufficient to show that the whole text is a Russian translation, with a suitable introduction, of a telegram of 8th March 1945 from Sir. A. Clark Kerr (British Ambassador in MOSCOW) to Lord Halifax (British Ambassador in WASHINGTON). The telegram was repeated from LONDON to the British Embassy, WASHINGTON.]

[2 groups unrecoverable][a]

[1 group unrecoverable][a]

Note:

[a] The WASHINGTON MGB Officer's signature and reference number have not been recovered.

Comment: [i] "H[G]": Although there is no full-stop after the G, it is certainly an abbreviation for GOMER [HOMER], the cover-name for Donald Duart MACLEAN who was 1st Secretary at the British Embassy, WASHINGTON, at this time. The brevity of the opening suggests that this was a routine type of signal and it is identical with that used on the LONDON to MOSCOW MGB link in respect of "LEAF" (see LONDON's 2905 of 23rd September 1941 (3/NBF/T15Ø2)).

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